

Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 27, line 21, of the Detailed Description of the Specification as currently amended with the following paragraph:

Referring now to Figures 14G through 14M2, illustrating how information and transaction regarding a multitude of interested thumbnails can be retrieved and displayed. As illustrated in Figure 14G, when the cursor is moved on top of a particular thumbnail 172 in a row or a column, the scrolling of that row/column stops, and the relative position of that particular thumbnail in the total number of thumbnails in that row/column-category, along with a brief high-level description 174 of the object pictured by the particular thumbnail is displayed adjacent to the thumbnail. When the cursor is moved away from the thumbnail and the pausing row/column, the high-level description 174 disappears, and the automatic scrolling resumes. When the viewer decides that the object is of interest from the high level description 174, the viewer "clicks" the input device while the cursor is rested on the thumbnail of the object. A larger and more detailed picture of the object along with detailed descriptions and other links to further information and relevant commands (such as buying, selling, or contact seller commands) is displayed in a sub-frame/window 173 as shown in Figure 14H. When the user/viewer continues to "overview" the scrolling

thumbnails, and finds other interesting thumbnails from the overview, he/she repeats the process by moving the cursor onto the next interested thumbnail 186 shown in Figure 14I, the high-level description 188 of the thumbnail would pop up next to this object, as shown in Figure 14I. Each time, when an interested thumbnail is “clicked,” a new sub-frame/window pops up to show the large picture and the detailed information of the object represented by the particular thumbnail, while the previous such sub-frames/windows, of previously clicked thumbnails can be automatically minimized, or pushed to the background, and leaving in view only the new sub-frame containing the detailed information and command links of the object represented by the most recently clicked thumbnail, as shown in sub frame 192 in Figure 14J. This is for the purpose of preserving the maximum viewing of the thumbnail arrays. Any and all sub-frames can be clicked to the foreground for comparison amongst one-another, or all together. Each sub-frame/window can contain a multitude of command buttons 194 that can be “clicked” to perform tasks, for example: (1) to close the individual sub-frame/window, (2) to close “ALL” such sub-frames/windows that are minimized or in the background, (3) to show “ALL” such sub-frames/windows of objects selected in the session (as shown in Figure 14I) into the foreground as shown in Figure 14L, and (4) to “submit” request to obtain further information and relevant command links. These particular command buttons are shown as an example, but do not limit the type or

number of command buttons that can be implemented in such sub-frames. The thumbnails that have been clicked for its detail-information sub-frame are highlighted as shown in Figure 14K, as long as the thumbnail's sub-frame has not yet been "closed" out. When a viewer clicks the "Show All" command button in a sub-frame, all of the sub-frames in the background, along with the ones in the foreground would be displayed on the screen with a programmable desired ordering. Figure 14L shows a left-to-right and top-to-bottom ordering according to the order of "clicking." The large picture, further information, and buy/sell command frames of the "submitted" objects (or any other desired connected information and commands) are presented in the ordered array fashion as previously described, and shown in Figures 14M1-M2. The ordering of the presentation can be programmed in the present invention to be in reverse order-- the last selected item to be at the top of the array presentation, and the first selected at the bottom of the array-in contrast to the shopping-cart software of prior-art, where the first purchase item is always listed at the top list of "bought items" in the shopping cart, and the last bought item is always at the bottom of the list.